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**For:** PEER PROTOCOL STATUS QUERY IN CLUSTERED COMPUTER  
SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

**In reply to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.**

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